

Business Lending Fund Act. This legislation will help the small businesses in my district, such as Al & Joe's Deli, a family-owned business in Franklin Park with sub sandwiches to die for, that is looking to expand. It will also save businesses such as National Plumbing & Heating Supply Company in Illinois, which had to shut down after 60 years because banks ended its line of credit.

To respond to these problems, I will vote to create a new \$30 billion loan program to boost lending to small businesses so they can expand and create jobs.

I also cosponsored an amendment that will include commercial real estate lending as small business lending. This will complement regular lending efforts and help businesses like Al & Joe's capitalize on existing property to expand and create new jobs.

I urge my colleagues to pass this critical legislation.

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HONORING ELAINE KANG

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the young talent of Elaine Kang, a 16-year-old violinist from Port Matilda, PA.

This coming September, she will make her radio debut on NPR's "From the Top," a critically acclaimed radio show that reaches 700,000 listeners each week. "From the Top" serves to honor the passion and tenacity of classical musicians under the mission of allowing young people to make a difference by showing who they are and what they can accomplish.

Elaine should be highly commended for developing this wonderful talent. With only 16 years behind her and many more ahead, she is well on her way to a fruitful career. She is a role model for many other young musicians, as well as her peers. The lessons of hard work and discipline are universal, and Elaine certainly promotes them. She has exhibited wonderful skill and her example shows the benefit of pursuing one's passions.

I wish Elaine the best of luck on her upcoming taping at the Majestic Theatre in Gettysburg, and I look forward to hearing her play.

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

(Mr. BACA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BACA. I agree with my colleagues on the other side of the aisle that America's borders must be secured. Border security is an important part of comprehensive reform, but we simply cannot ignore the 12 million in-

dividuals who are forced to live in the shadows of our society. Our broken immigration system is tearing families apart, thousands of families, every year.

The Department of Homeland Security reports that over the last 10 years, more than 100,000 immigrant parents of U.S. citizen children have been deported. Misguided laws like Arizona's SB1070 don't help keep families together.

Immigration is a Federal problem that can only be solved with a comprehensive approach that is both sensitive to families and ensures border security.

I urge my colleagues, both Democrats and Republicans, to cosponsor H.R. 4321.

Last, but not least, I would like to wish the women good luck tonight in their softball game.

CONGRESS MUST BUDGET

(Mr. FORTENBERRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Mr. Speaker, the national debt just surpassed \$13 trillion. Since 2000, the national debt and government spending have doubled, and in simple terms, every American citizen now owes \$42,000 toward this debt.

To govern is to choose, Mr. Speaker, and choices must be made within our budget to resolve this dire situation. Yes, the choices before us are hard, and restoring economic strength will be very difficult. But tightening the belt, making hard choices and relieving the massive debt burden that will otherwise be left to our children and grandchildren, this is the charge of Congress. This is our duty. This is what the American people deserve.

Government spending and overreach are eroding economic confidence, yet there is neither a political will or a mechanism in Washington right now for addressing this spiraling debt and deficit/right now there isn't even a budget, and this is unconscionable and unsustainable. Our constituents deserve a Nation with its fiscal house in order, and this starts with a responsible budget plan.

REMEMBERING BLOODY SUNDAY

(Mr. NEAL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, we had an opportunity yesterday to witness another it-will-never-happen moment. Thirty-eight years after 13 unarmed men and women were shot dead on the streets of Derry in the north of Ireland, on a day now known as Bloody Sunday, the families and relatives of the victims have found the justice they've been seeking for decades. They learned the truth yesterday about what hap-

pened during a peaceful civil rights march in the Bogside community in January of 1972. And they heard the British Prime Minister David Cameron say that their loved ones were innocent and that the actions of the parachute regimen on that day were unjustified and wrong.

If Bloody Sunday was a defining day in the history of the troubles, let us hope the publication of the Saville Report will be transformative and cathartic moment for the people in the north of Ireland.

Today we remember those who lost their lives marching near Free Derry and Rossville Flats. We remember Bloody Sunday and those who were wounded. The innocent people have now been exonerated.

For those of us who stood up with those families over the course of almost four decades—and I was a staunch supporter of those families—this is a moment of satisfaction. And at the Guildhall yesterday in Derry, people cheered the vindication of their loved ones who died on that tragic, tragic day.

GIRLS ROCK THE HOUSE WINNER

(Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Elli Rassbach, an eighth grade student from Walla Walla, Washington, the winner of the first "Girls Rock the House" contest in my home State of Washington State.

At a time when only 17 percent of Congress is made up of women, we need to be doing a better job of making young ladies aware of the opportunities and encouraging more young women to become involved in public service.

That's why I'm a strong supporter of "Girls Rock the House," and I'm very proud of this year's winner. The bill Elli wrote and submitted to "Girls Rock the House" is well-researched and well-written. It's an idea to promote healthy living, and I'm proud to stand before my colleagues and ask them to join me in recognizing her achievement.

On behalf of the United States Congress, congratulations, Elli. Well done.

NO MORE FREE RIDES COURTESY OF THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER

(Mr. COURTNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, author Michael Kinsley once observed that "a gaffe is when a politician tells the truth."

The Republican leader, Mr. BOEHNER, proved this point the other day when he was asked point blank whether he agrees with the Chamber of Commerce that the government should pitch in to